



**Horsham Rural City**  
Council urban rural balance

## **Council Policy**

### **DOG ATTACK POLICY**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

To provide support to Council's procedure in administering and enforcement of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (the Act) relating to Dog attacks.

#### **2. INTRODUCTION**

Due to the varied severity and circumstances of dog attacks on humans and animals, Council have developed a procedure for this as referred in this document.

#### **3. SCOPE**

This policy applies to the administration and enforcement responsibilities of Council's Rangers when dealing with dog attacks within the municipality.

#### **4. DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**5. PRINCIPLES**

In support of its Guiding Principle to ‘protect and promote the municipality as a safe place to live’, actively administer and enforce the Act.

When responding to reports of dog attacks, Council seeks to do so in a timely, fair, consistent and effective manner. The objective is to improve public safety and community wellbeing.

To guide Council’s Rangers, it has developed a procedure on dog attacks to support this policy.

**6. COMMUNICATION**

Website, intranet, staff newsletter, media release

**7. RESPONSIBILITY**

**Policy Owner:** Director Planning and Economic.

**8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Document	Location
Procedure on Dog Attacks (P04/042)	Intranet

**9. DOCUMENT CONTROL**

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01	4 August 2014	Council	New Policy